

# **REPORT FROM WOLVERTON SECRET GARDEN SOCIETY** **ON GRANT FROM WOLVERTON & GREENLEYS TOWN** **COUNCIL**

The £2000 grant from the Town Council enabled us to carry out some important repairs and improvements to the Secret Garden over the past year.

## **1. Repair of brickwork in formal garden area – cost £785**

We hired Bridgman & Bridgman to repair the low brick walls in the formal garden area that had deteriorated over the last 10 years from frost damage and caused a health and safety hazard for young visitors. The walls were topped with a black engineering brick which we trust will be more robust over the next few years.

## **2. Installation of land drain to reduce water damage – cost £389.47**

There has been a problem of water coming from a road drain that in periods of high rainfall was causing water damage in the garden. With the help of a work team from a local business we constructed a drain to lead the water away from the garden.

## **3. Purchase of daffodil and snowdrop bulbs – cost £67.42**

We are trying to increase the spring display by planting more bulbs and this autumn we did this, again with the help of volunteers from a local firm. We are hoping to do the same again this autumn.

## **4. Purchase of leaf blower – cost £163.96**

As you are aware, the Secret Garden has many trees and from September onwards our Saturdays are occupied with clearing leaves. This tool has greatly helped an ageing group of volunteers in that work.

## **5. Tree surgery – cost £661.57**

This remedial work was just part of the work that has been needed on the trees in the Garden, the first major tree surgery in 10 years, and we fear not the last. It has been a blow to lose such mature specimens, but we are acutely aware that this is a public facility and that there may well be more work that needs to be done.

### **In conclusion**

We would like to talk to WGTC about making a joint application for funding to the Landfill Trust to do whatever tree surgery may be necessary. We also intend to apply to the Tesco Bags of Help scheme to make further improvements to the Garden.

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